

HIGHLIGHTS

FISCAL YEARS 2003 AND 2004

Under the leadership of Governor Blagojevich and Secretary Martin, in 2003, the Illinois Department of Transportation significantly improved its organization, programs and service delivery in every aspect of its operation.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Promises kept – and surpassed – Highways Program promises for 2003: 1,561 miles of roadway improvements vs. 1,146 miles promised and 319 bridges improved vs. 313 promised despite an 8% reduction in headcount from 2002.

Nationally recognized highways – Two of IDOT's projects were chosen by *Roads & Bridges* in its ranking of the nation's top ten roads. The roads and bridges featured were Interstate 74 through Peoria and Route 53/Interstate 290 in Schaumburg.

CREATE – CREAT-ing the economy – with private sector railroads, the city of Chicago and other local agencies to form CREATE, a \$1.6 billion public/private partnership between private industry and government. The goal is to improve rail freight flow through the Chicago area and reduce rail freight congestion that has long created traffic tie-ups for local commuters, increased wear and tear on local roads and caused serious shipping delays.

Keeping your travel options open –

- **Signed a contract with Amtrak –** for three corridors in downstate Illinois plus the Chicago-Milwaukee corridor serving businesses, students and tourists at a cost of \$11.9 million per year.
- **Getting you there – faster –** A \$50 million upgrade project is nearly complete, and LED signs informing passengers of arrival and departure times have been installed along the entire Chicago-St. Louis high-speed rail corridor.
- **Increasing public transit – reducing congestion –** including:
 - \$422 million in capacity expansion of the CTA Brown Line including reconstruction of 16 stations.
 - Station improvements throughout the Metra system including the South-West service line.
 - \$10.5 million to PACE for the purchase of fixed-route buses, paratransit vehicles and support and maintenance equipment for fleet improvements.
 - Metro Transit District improvements throughout downstate Illinois.

BUSINESS PRACTICES

Building and improving our air service – Despite the challenges of early retirement and budget pressures from a record state budget deficit, Illinois is one of the top three states in the nation in federal funding for airports. Governor Blagojevich, Secretary Martin and IDOT's Division of Aeronautics were able to secure \$145 million in federal aviation grants; \$30 million more than the previous year. This increase in federal funding allowed the IDOT to move forward with about 80 improvement or expansion projects throughout Illinois.

Streamlining – It is projected IDOT will save \$29 million by working with CMS to develop and implement best practice concepts in procurement savings.

Doing business with IDOT – fair and inclusive – to improve IDOT's attention to minority issues concerning the IDOT workforce and contracts. Restructured office is being developed to better address cultural diversity concerns in employment and contracting. Future project savings from improved competition among contractors could be significant.

Doing business with IDOT – easy and accessible – Site includes information on payments being processed through the state Comptroller's Office so that contractors can more accurately project their accounts receivable, saving time and money.

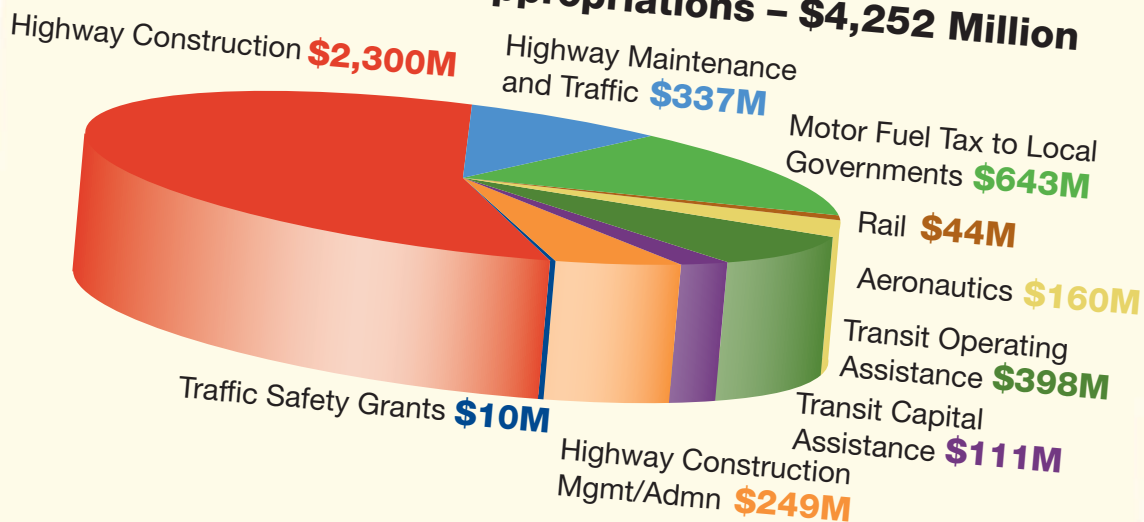
SAFETY

Buckling Up! in Illinois is helping the state improve safety belt usage and could qualify the state for more than \$30 million in additional federal funds for safety and road improvements if usage rates exceed 80 percent as expected by the end of FY 2004. Statistics show that if safety belt usage in Illinois increases by 15 percent, as many as 138 fewer fatalities could occur each year. Just two months after the primary seat belt bill was signed into law, our state's safety belt usage rate had risen almost 6 percent. Insurers conservatively estimate that each traffic fatality costs Illinois at least \$1 million in unrealized productivity and other losses.

Reducing paperwork, increasing safety in conjunction with Illinois State Police to speed crash reporting and save hundreds of hours of reporting and input time for law enforcement officers throughout Illinois and IDOT staff.

Administration of traffic stop data collection (racial profiling study) in compliance with legislation passed in spring 2003. The law requires IDOT to collect data on all traffic stops from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2007, analyze the data and submit an annual report to the legislature.

FY2003 Program Appropriations – \$4,252 Million



FY2004 Program Appropriations – \$3,606 Million

